

PRACTICAL NURSING RE-ENTRY PLACEMENT

ADMISSION POLICY

Students are admitted to Practical Nursing Re-entry Placement Program in accordance with the policies set by Vance-Granville Community College. Each applicant is required to meet the minimum requirements as set by the College. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program, only an opportunity for consideration. Completion of the Vance-Granville Community College Practical Nursing Program does not guarantee success in passing the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-PN).

Vance-Granville cautions that the North Carolina Board of Nursing, on its application form, asks the following question: "Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony (excluding a minor traffic violation)?" The North Carolina Board of Nursing reserves the right to deny the issuance of a license based on past criminal behavior. Applicants for the initial licensure in North Carolina must have a criminal background check. The mandatory criminal background check applies to the licensure examination and endorsement.

The application period for Re-entry Placement into the Practical Nursing Program (for students not successfully completing a semester of the P.N. Program) will be from Jan. 1-Dec. 31 of the year preceding the year of re-entry. All BIO-prefix classes must have been completed within five years prior to the most recent application to the College. All NUR-prefix classes must have been completed within three years prior to the most recent application to the College. All re-entry students must have a GPA of 2.5 (program specific) or higher to be considered for admission. All students must successfully complete the computer competency exam offered to nursing students to be considered for admission.

A points allocation formula will be used to rank students for admission utilizing the highest Composite TEAS score, BIO 155 grade, GED/AHDS/QPA rank, and County of residence. The students with the highest ranking will be eligible for re-entry based on space available. In case of a tie, the date of application will be used to break the tie. The TEAS entrance test must be completed prior to consideration for re-entry into the program. The TEAS study guide may be purchased in the VGCC Bookstore. The TEAS is offered only on the Main Campus six times per year. The student may take the TEAS three times total. A fee will be charged for all re-tests.

Note: Updates and information for Advanced Placement Programs will be posted at www.vgcc.edu – link onto Campus Cruiser – Pre-Health News or call (252) 738-3234.

STEPS FOR ADMISSION

1. Submission of a completed "Application for Admission" to the VGCC Admissions Office. The application must indicate Practical Nursing Re-entry Placement as your desired program of study.
2. Receipt by the Admissions Office of the official records of high school graduation or equivalency and all post secondary transcripts. Adult High School and GED graduates must still submit official high school transcripts.
3. (a) Completion of either the ASSET or COMPASS Placement Test as scheduled by Student Affairs, with scores that must meet the requirements designated by the college for admission to ENG 111, MAT 80, and exemption from RED 90.

OR

(b) SAT * Critical Reading.....	500	ACT* Reading.....	19
Math.....	500	Math.....	19
Writing.....	500	Eng.....	19

*Only if scores are dated less than five (5) years at the time of application.

OR

(c) College transfer of equivalent course with a minimum grade of "C" or better.

OR

(d) Successful completion of the following developmental courses: ENG 90, RED 90, MAT 70

4. Evidence of successful completion of high school chemistry and biology with a "C" grade or better, or a basic post secondary chemistry and biology course completed with a "C" or better.
5. Evidence of successful completion of the computer competency exam offered to nursing students. Successful completion of CIS 110 or CIS 111 (or appropriate course work) would meet this requirement.
6. A grade of "C" or better is required on all general education and related courses in order to be accepted in the Practical Nursing Program. Eligible college credit which was completed over ten years prior to the semester in which the student is admitted will not be transferable unless the applicant has completed that coursework as part of a completed associate degree or higher.

Failure of a NUR-prefix course(s) necessitates applying for re-entry to the program for the following year when the course(s) is offered again. It is highly recommended that the student audit the preceding semester's NUR-prefix courses, since the student will have been out of school for one year and there is no review for these courses once the student is re-enrolled. If the student is re-entering in a semester in which there is more than one NUR-prefix course required but he/she has only failed one or two of the required courses, it also is recommended that he/she audit the concurrently offered nursing course(s) that he/she passed. The reason for the suggestion of auditing the concurrent course(s) is that it has been a year since the student was enrolled in the program.

Failure of a corequisite general education class but passing the nursing classes necessitates applying for re-entry to the program. Once the student has repeated and successfully achieved a "C" grade or better in the general education class, he/she will be considered for re-entry into the appropriate semester for nursing. It is highly recommended that general education classes be completed before entry into the nursing program, giving the student more time to focus on nursing classes. The decision for re-entry is determined based on the nursing classes still needed to fulfill the curriculum requirement. It also is recommended that the student audit the preceding semester's NUR-prefix course(s), since the student will have been out of school for one year and there is no review for these course(s) once the student is re-enrolled.

The final decision as to which semester the student re-enters in the nursing program will be determined by the nursing director.

PRACTICAL NURSING COURSE SEQUENCE D45660

The following is a listing of the course sequence for the Practical Nursing Program. The courses must be completed in the order that is shown unless the student chooses to complete his/her general education courses earlier.

First Semester, fall	Second Semester, spring	Third Semester, summer
NUR 101	NUR 102	NUR 103
BIO 106	ENG 111	
BIO 155	PSY 110	
NUR 117		

— IMPORTANT —

- A. If a student is accepted into the Practical Nursing Program, the following four items must be completed and received by the Health Sciences administrative assistant by the date indicated in the student's letter of admission. Failure to submit all four items by the deadline will forfeit one's acceptance into the program.
1. Submission of evidence of current Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification, which includes infant, child, adult and the Heimlich Maneuver (Health Care Provider). (No online courses accepted.)
 2. Evidence of health insurance coverage.
 3. Completion of VGCC medical form and physical exam. (Forms may be picked up from the Pre-Health Advisor).
 4. Evidence of criminal background check. See item "B" below.

Throughout your time in the Practical Nursing Program at VGCC, you are responsible for keeping your medical information and CPR certification updated and current. This includes TB tests, Tdap booster, etc. You must maintain health insurance coverage throughout the program. Any violation of these may result in dismissal from the program.

- B. Clinical sites may, at their discretion, require a drug screening and/or a criminal background check prior to allowing students into the clinical setting. (If required, any associated fees will be the responsibility of the student). Testing positive on the drug screening, or evidence of tampering with a specimen, will disqualify a student from participation in the clinical assignment. In addition, certain criminal activity, as evident by a criminal background check, may also disqualify a student from clinical participation. Please be aware that failure to participate in a clinical assignment based on either the drug screening or criminal background check will result in dismissal from the Practical Nursing Program.
- C. If any clinical site refuses a student for clinical privileges, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- D. All NUR-prefix courses must have a grade of "B" or better to pass.

All students admitted into the PN Program are expected to be available for the program as scheduled. The majority of classes, labs, and clinical assignments are offered during the day hours, Monday through Friday. However, due to the high demand for the program, staff and clinical availability, some students will be scheduled for a combination of evening classes, limited day classes and weekend clinical assignments. The proximity of the students' homes in regards to the distance traveled to the clinical site will not be a determining factor in the decision as to where a student will be placed for clinical. The final decision for clinical sites may not be available until the day classes start for the semester.

RISK HAZARDS/PHYSICAL JOB DEMANDS QUESTIONNAIRE

Practical Nursing

Activity	Never 0-5%	Rarely 5-10%	Sometimes 10-40%	Frequently 40-75%	Always 75-100%
Standing					X
Walking					X
Sitting				X	
Lifting — 10 lbs. maximum					X
20 lbs. max. up to 10 lbs. frequently					X
50 lbs. max. up to 25 lbs. frequently					X
100 lbs. max. up to 50 lbs. frequently					X
100 lbs., 50 lbs. or more frequently					X
Pushing/Pulling — 10 lbs. maximum					X
20 lbs. max. up to 10 lbs. frequently					X
50 lbs. max. up to 25 lbs. frequently					X
100 lbs. max. up to 50 lbs. frequently					X
100 lbs., 50 lbs. or more frequently					X
Climbing: Ladders					X
Stairs				X	
Other (list)					X
Balancing				X	
Stooping				X	
Kneeling		X			
Crouching				X	
Crawling					X
Twisting					X
Bending					X
Reaching: Overhead					X
In Front of Body					X
Handling					X
Fingering					X
Feeling					X
Talking: Ordinary					X
Other (Describe) Verbal Instructions					X
Hearing: Ordinary Conversation					X
Other Sounds (Describe) Pt. Sounds					X
Vision/Acuity: Near, 20 in. or less					X
Far, 20 ft. or more					X

OVER

Activity	Never 0-5%	Rarely 5-10%	Sometimes 10-40%	Frequently 40-75%	Always 75-100%
Depth Perception: 3-Dimensional					
Vision Distance Judgment					X
Sharpness of Vision/Focus					X
Color Vision					X
Field of Vision: Entire Scope of Vision/Peripheral					X
Environmental Conditions: Inside					X
Outside	X				
Both	X				
Dust	X				
Fumes	X				
Hazards: Bio-Hazardous Material					X
Blood and Body Fluids					X
Chemical Exposure					X
Chemotherapy					X
Electrical				X	
Infectious Diseases					X
Mechanical					X
Radiation					X
Sharps					X
Other (List/Describe)					
Frequency of Safety Goggle/Shield Usage				X	
Frequency of Glove Usage					X
List any other outstanding physical requirements not previously mentioned.					



Questions? Please contact:

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The College serves all students regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or disabling conditions.*

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(1806 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award the associate degree.*